ing low tides. Considering the expenditure involved the Government wanted to postpone the work.

Concentration of land in the hands of a few.

18. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 216, 17th December 1931, regarding concentration of land in the hands of a few, will the Government be pleased to state whether position in the matter is the same now ;

(b) and if it is not, what answers are due to the different issues raised?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) No answer is necessary in view of the answer given above.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is the concentration of the whole land in the State in the hands of a single gentleman deemed by the Government as something undesirable?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—All the lands in the State are not in the possession of a single individual.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it not progressive concentration?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—But the lands are distributed among many, andsome may not own lands.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is not a progressive concentration going on everywhere? From the statistics don't you find a diminution in the number of ryots every year?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—There is an increase and decrease. Some purchase and some sell.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What is the general trend?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It is as before.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What is the number of ryots three years ago?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The Government do not know.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Have you not got some document of assessment?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It is not possible to read out the names just now. It can be supplied later on.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Once it is found that a progressive concentration of land is going on in this country, does the Government consider it a positive danger?

President.—If it is a question for information it will be answered.

Economic Regeneration scheme.

19. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 283, 18th December 1931, regarding an Economic Regener-

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